

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 28 September 2004

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida (Vice Chair), Robert L. Bernstein, John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Maria R. Gil, Marvin Greenberg, John Keimig, Robert J. Quigley (Chair), DC, Robert Ricci, Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire, Robert Whiteside, John Young

Not Present: Edward F. Almon, Raymond Coia, James Daley, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Catherine E. Graziano, Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Denise Panichas, William B. Zuccarelli

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller

Public: (see attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Conflict of Interest Forms

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The minutes of the 31 August 2004 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. Staff noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a potential conflict. The Chairman introduced a new member of the Health Services Council: John W. Flynn.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of Renal Care Group, Inc. and Titan Merger Subsidiary, Inc. for a Change in Effective Control of National Nephrology Associates, Inc. and NNA of Rhode Island, Inc. d/b/a NNA of Providence and NNA of Pawtucket. Staff summarized the committee discussions and deliberations on this matter.

The Chairman recommended that an additional condition of approval be added to the report, that the applicant provide services to all patients without discrimination including payment source. The applicant stated that it would accept this condition. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) to recommend that the condition be added to the report. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Bernstein,

Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Greenberg, Keimig, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Young, Whiteside.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) to recommend that the application be approved as amended. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Bernstein, Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Greenberg, Keimig, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Rhode Island Hospital for a Certificate of Need to Establish a Pediatric Imaging Center and renovate space in the Hasbro Emergency Department. Staff summarized the committee discussions and deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Macri, Vice-President of the Rhode Island Hospital, made a presentation to the Council regarding the hospital's finances as follows:

- o Identified CON projects over the past years, their capital costs, allocation and status.**
- o Identified sources of equity for projects: \$13 million from cash and unrestricted investments, \$46 million from fundraising and \$13.2 million from future operations/investments earnings, and board designated investments.**

- o There was a \$50 million joint bond issue between Miriam and Rhode Island, and \$40 million was used by Rhode Island towards the projects.**
- o Identified the status of the endowment: as of September 30, 2004 there was \$359.6 million of which \$146.9 million is unrestricted and \$212.7 million is restricted.**

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Bernstein, Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Greenberg, Keimig, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Rhode Island Hospital for a Certificate of Need to Upgrade Surgical Intensive Care and Step Down Beds through renovation and construction. Staff summarized the committee discussions and deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Macri stated that the hospital received approval from the City Planning Commission on 21 September 2004 to proceed with both CON projects.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) to recommend that the application be

approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Bernstein, Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Greenberg, Keimig, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire, Whiteside, Young.

The next Health Services Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for 26 October 2004.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova